

## **COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES**

### **Public Defender Division**

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**September 5, 2006**

### **Position Posting**

## **SUPERIOR COURT STAFF ATTORNEY**

The Public Defender Division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services is seeking full-time attorneys with at least two years of experience for its Superior Court offices in Brockton, Cambridge, Lowell, New Bedford, Springfield, and Worcester. The Public Defender Division provides legal representation and advocacy to its indigent clients who are charged with Superior Court jurisdiction felony offenses, including sexual offenses, and who cannot afford to hire their own counsel. Staff attorneys may also represent clients in sex offender registry proceedings and in sexually dangerous person commitment proceedings.

### ***Responsibilities***

The duties of a Public Defender Division Superior Court staff attorney include:

- client interviews;
- arraignment and bail advocacy;
- legal research and writing;
- pretrial investigation, including visiting crime scenes, locating and interviewing;
- witnesses, collecting and reviewing documentary evidence;
- preparing and arguing pretrial motions, affidavits, and legal memoranda;
- dispositional investigations and advocacy;
- jury and bench trials of criminal cases;
- representation of clients in interlocutory proceedings;
- providing formal and informal assistance to private attorneys on cases assigned through the Private Counsel Division of CPCS;
- representation of clients before the Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB) and on appeal to Superior Court from SORB classification decisions
- representation of clients in sexually dangerous person commitment proceedings;
- providing training to Public Defender Division and Private Counsel Division staff attorneys;
- possibility of supervising less experienced attorneys (depending upon office needs).

### ***Requirements***

Candidates must have at least two years experience as an attorney handling criminal cases; and must be eligible to practice law in this jurisdiction as a member of the Massachusetts bar in good standing, or as an attorney in another jurisdiction who is eligible to engage in limited Massachusetts practice under Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04. Candidates must also be able to work in a defense-oriented capacity, both independently and collaboratively, and be committed to working with a culturally diverse, low-income population.

### ***Salary***

The salary for this position for an attorney with two years experience is \$47,042, and is greater for attorneys with more than two years experience.

### ***Application***

It is preferred that applications be submitted by e-mail. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest (including specification of the location(s) for which they wish to be considered) and a resume as document attachments to an e-mail directed to:

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Applications should be submitted by September 22, 2006, but may be accepted until the position is filled.

**This office is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.**